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Memorandum for: Deputy Director/Administration

Subject: Proposed CIA Building

1. In connection with our conversation of 17 November 1954 regarding a proposed CIA building, this is to advise that the Director and I conferred with Chairman Russell, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, on 29 August 1951 regarding legislation to authorize CIA to construct a building. Senator Russell stated that he would handle the matter personally with his Committee and make the necessary explanations, and that he preferred that no CIA witness appear.

2. Immediately following our talk with Senator Russell, the Director and I paid a courtesy call on Senator Byrd to inform him that we proposed placing the CIA building in his State. Senator Byrd expressed his normal concern regarding the continued federalization of Virginia counties adjacent to the District with resultant tax losses, but agreed not to oppose the CIA request.

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